

## The 2010 Christmas Questions & Answers



It is Christmas time and as such you should have a break from the rush of life, sit back and have a think about how you may approach next year. I hope these questions and answers get you thinking. It is meant to be educational not religious. I hate religious stuff. It is meant to be helpful, not rude. It is meant to be stimulating and motivating, not boring. I have done my homework during the year and can assure you that what you read can be substantiated biblically. If you think about the answers in a practical way it will definitely help.

### Q1. Why should the subject of Heaven on Earth be so important to us?

- ◆ It is because Heaven is going to be on this earth, both in the 1000 year reign of Christ and forever. It is hard to imagine forever isn't it?
- ◆ It is the next event on the calendar. In the sense of eternal time we are only a minute away.
- ◆ It has always been the centre piece of God's purpose to bring the heavenly realm and the earthly realm together so that He may dwell forever with His people.
- ◆ It is one of the major teachings in the bible by Jesus himself.

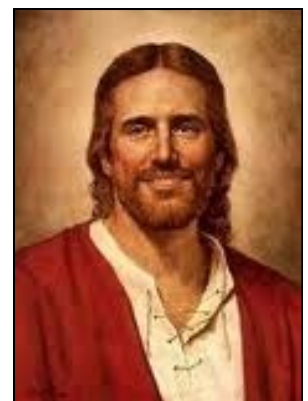


### Q2. What exactly does Heaven on Earth mean?

- ◆ It literally means exactly what it says. Firstly, there will be the Millennial Jerusalem where it is now, glorified somewhat, and the Heavenly Jerusalem above it, but both are somehow connected to each other. Jesus' throne will be in both cities. The environment of heaven will gradually spread throughout the earth during the 1000 year reign, thus bringing 'heaven on earth' to all spheres of life.

### Q3. What is Jesus' role when He comes and what will He look like?

- ◆ Jesus' main role in the 1000 years is to prepare the earth in righteousness for the Father's coming which will occur at the end of this time frame. This means He will correct all that is wrong on earth and It will take a lot of time. He could just snap His fingers but God does not work like that. He respects even those who hate Him. The changes will take place through the normal processes of political and social justice.
- ◆ Jesus will look like he did when he was here two thousand years ago. He will still be a Jew and look like one, but he will be God. Amazing isn't it! He will speak, eat, smile, laugh, look stern, have a physical body, but not sleep. There will be another aspect of His glory but that is beyond our earthly imagination. Have a go at imagining it.



### Q4. Does the rapture of the Saints occur before or after the Great tribulation?

- ◆ There is enough confirmation in scripture to make a convincing argument that the rapture of the

Saints comes after the great tribulation. Dan 7:25 talks about 'He (the anti-Christ) shall speak pompous words against the most high (Jesus) and shall persecute the saints of the most High. Rev 13:7 says 'and it was granted to him (the anti-Christ) to make war against the Saints.' Both references indicate that the Saints are on earth in the same time period as the anti-Christ, so the Saints have not been raptured before the great tribulation. You may think the rapture occurs before and that is fine with me.

#### Q5. What happens to those left on earth when Jesus comes?

- ◆ Firstly, there will be the resurrected saints that return with Him; secondly, those with the mark of the beast (anti-Christ) who did not die in the initial battles or were somewhere else on the earth; and thirdly the resisters (those who made no choice for Jesus or the beast). Those with the mark of the beast will be dealt with first. Trials will occur and some will be executed. The saints will work with the 3<sup>rd</sup> group called the resisters. Initially it will be much the same as now, except the governments of the countries will in time be ruled by righteous leaders. There will be a lot of mess and reconstruction needed. No unemployment! Resurrected saints will work alongside natural human beings helping them bring order during the 1000 years.



#### Q6. Who is the anti-Christ and how can we discern or know the timing?

- ◆ Wouldn't we all like to know? Maybe not, I can hear you say. Well, it is best to be informed! He will not be a Jew. He will come upon the stage at a time when the world is in chaos and they will implore him to become their saviour, world leader. At this time, he will take control of a group of national powers. 10 powers are mentioned and it may be the G10 (IMF) who already exercise great financial control. Keep your eye out on this group. He will have all the attributes of a John Kennedy, a Winston Churchill, and an Abraham Lincoln. He will be charismatic, winsome and have the wisdom of Solomon. Once established, he will denounce Jesus and will say that he is God. He will simulate a death and resurrection of himself. The nations and peoples will worship him willingly. He will institute a system of government where you will starve if your allegiance is not to him. He will be a wolf in disguise. He will be brutal (beast like) but will appear as an angel of light.

